

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-4 and 12 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 5, 7, and 9 as follows:

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5. (Currently amended) ~~The device of claim 1,~~ A microwave cooking device for crisping food product, comprising: an internal crisping container including an outer surface and an inner surface defining a volume therein, wherein a susceptor is incorporated in the volume defined by the internal crisping container, wherein the internal crisping container is constructed and arranged to enable moisture to escape the internal crisping container during microwave cooking; and an outer packaging for holding the internal crisping container, the outer packaging defining at least one peelable strip including at least one aperture thereunder constructed and arranged to enable moisture to escape the outer packaging during microwave cooking;

the aperture is formed prior to microwaving the food product using at least one aperture-forming strip;

the inner surface is coated with a susceptor film;

at least one discrete piece of susceptor film is incorporated within the volume;

wherein the outer and inner surfaces of the internal crisping container define at least one aperture.

6. (Previously presented) The device of claim 5, wherein the at least one aperture defined in the internal crisping container has a diameter smaller than portions of the food product contained inside the internal crisping container.

7. (Currently amended) The device of claim ~~[[1]]~~ 5, wherein the internal crisping container further defines an opening for transferring the food product to and from the internal crisping container.

8. (Previously presented) The device of claim 7, wherein the opening is sealed using a heat seal.

9. (Currently amended) The device of claim ~~[[1]]~~ 5, wherein the internal crisping container is a cooking bag.

10. (Previously presented) The device of claim 9, wherein the cooking bag is heat sealed.

11. (Previously presented) The device of claim 10, wherein the cooking bag is compatible with a vertical fill automated machine.

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